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For:

VACUUM INSULATING DOUBLE VESSEL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 12, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-4, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 prior to issuance of any patent granted on the elected subject matter.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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